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For President  
ALLAN L. BENSON  
For Vice-President  
GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK

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## Socialist Campaign News Suppressed!

### Big Business Interests That Control Associated Press Do Not Want American People To Know Truth; Two Million Benson Leaflets To Fight Censorship!

THIS IS LEAFLET NO. 5.

By ALLAN L. BENSON.

Socialist Candidate For President.

WHISKY is bad for the body, but is it any worse for the body than bullets? Is it any worse for the body than slow starvation?

I ask these questions to make the American people think. Have you noticed that the Associated Press is sending broadcast thruout the United States almost daily reports of the campaign of the Prohibition candidate for the presidency, Mr. Hanly?

Do you know that the Associated Press has not, up to the moment of writing this leaflet, devoted one word to the campaign I am making upon behalf of the Socialist Party?

I do not object to all the publicity that Mr. Hanly and his party are getting. Mr. Hanly and his party are part of the news of the day, and the Associated Press, as an organization for the dissemination of news, is in duty bound to the public to give them just consideration.

BUT what about the Socialist Party? Is not the Socialist Party also part of the news of the day? Is not the campaign that I am making upon behalf of the Socialist Party part of the news of the day?

The Socialist Party, in 1912, cast more than four times as many votes as did the Prohibition Party. The Socialist Party in 1912 doubled its vote. The Prohibition Party in 1912 did not cast as many votes as it cast in 1892.

WHY this discrimination upon the part of the Associated Press? There is but one answer. The interests that control the Associated Press do not want the American people to know the truths that I, upon behalf of the Socialist Party, am trying to tell the American people.

Since the latter part of August, when I began my speaking campaign, I have been addressing record-breaking audiences, but my meetings, the Associated Press appears to believe, do not constitute "news." The Socialist Party therefore brings to you in

He Writes The Leaflets



ALLAN L. BENSON.

this leaflet the news that the plutocratic interests of this country do not want you to know.

DO YOU know that the military appropriations of this government for the present year are far and away greater than were ever before made by any government in time of peace?

Do you know that our appropriations this year are far and away greater than were the appropriations of any of the nations now at war during the last year of peace when they were pulling themselves together for this awful war?

Do you know that these appropriations are made only to build up gigantic military establishments with which to prevent European nations, after the war, from regaining the foreign trade that they lost to American capitalists as a result of the war?

Do you know that foreign trade has so little power to enrich the worker that England's unparalleled bulk of foreign trade has not prevented the English working class from becoming miserably poor?

Do you realize that the nations of Europe

will combine, if necessary, to whip the United States and recover Europe's lost foreign trade?

Do you realize that if the nations of Europe combine against us they will excel us in men, money and materials and will undoubtedly conquer us?

Do you care to be taxed in peace (in the form of higher living costs) and perhaps killed in war to enable the great capitalists of America to hold their foreign trade?

Do you realize that American capitalists have already provided that you shall be drafted if they need you to fight for them?

IF YOU do not know this, send to the government printing office in Washington for a copy of the law that is commonly known as the Hay-Chamberlain Army Reorganization Law, and in Section 79 of this law, which was signed by President Wilson on June 3 of the present year, you will see that the power to draft has been given to the President.

DO YOU know that when this bill first passed the House, the word "draft" was not in it—that the word used was "call"?

Do you know that "call" was cut out and "draft" substituted in a committee of seven, one of whom was Senator Du Pont, a little powder peddler from Delaware?

Do you know that the man who changed "call" to "draft" has not yet revealed his identity, and that many members of Congress who voted for the bill on its final passage afterward said that they did not know the change had been made?

Do you know that the great capitalists have already forced the draft, together with military "education" of children in the public schools—do you know that these evils have already been forced upon the people of New York, by its legislature, acting in the dark and without warning to the public, and that it is the intention of the great capitalists to force identical action in other legislatures?

EACH AND every statement in this leaflet is true. The Associated Press, represent-

ing as it does, the great capitalist interests of this country, believes that these statements do not rise to the importance of being news.

What do you think about it? Are you more interested in keeping whisky out of your body than you are in keeping lead out of your body? Do you believe the little Prohibition Party is of more importance than the greater and growing Socialist Party?

Do you believe that Mr. Wilson's boasted prosperity, which gives hundreds of millions to Mr. Morgan and a few others, but leaves you working hard to get enough money to pay constantly increasing living costs—do you believe that such prosperity amounts to much to you?

Study the military appropriation figures at the bottom of this page. They are official figures. Every one of them is a bayonet pointing toward war.

The Socialist Party is the only party in America that opposes these appropriations. It is the only party in America that cannot get a square deal from the American press.

We are as sure as men can be that we shall poll at least 2,000,000 votes this fall. We may get a great many more. If the size of my meetings be any indication, we shall get a great many more. The greater our vote, the more impressive will be the warning to the great capitalists of America that they will proceed with their militarism at their peril.

These gentlemen know what a great So-

### Army and Navy Appropriations Of The Chief Belligerent Nations For The Year Preceding The War.

	Army	Navy	Total
Great Britain.....	\$224,300,000	\$237,530,459	\$461,830,459
Germany .....	183,090,000	112,091,125	295,181,125
France .....	191,431,580	90,164,625	281,596,205
Russia .....	317,800,000	117,508,657	435,308,657
Austro-Hungary .....	82,300,000	42,000,000	124,300,000
Italy .....	82,928,000	49,550,147	132,478,147
Japan .....	49,000,000	48,105,152	97,105,152

THE WILSON MILITARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1917  
United States .....

\$349,092,123*	\$313,384,389	\$662,476,512
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\*This includes \$25,747,550 for fortifications, \$20,000,000 for a nitrate plant, \$34,523,000 for deficiency and \$1,225,043 for the Military academy.

## Now For The Big Drive! Make It 5,000,000 A Week!

THE HOUR has come for the supreme effort of this campaign.

The hour has come for the hosts of socialists in the trenches to leap forward with a mighty rush and a triumphant shout for the final big drive.

It's now or never so far as this campaign is concerned.

Five weeks of the campaign are gone. But there are still five weeks left. You can help to make them big with results if you will.

### OUR PROPOSITION.

HERE'S our proposition:—

Make the last five weeks of the campaign the big, consolidated determined drive, the supreme effort; and use the Benson leaflets as the ammunition. We will have our speakers, hundreds of them, tearing loose at the enemy in every section of the country. They

will do great service. But did you ever think that a speaker's voice reached only to the wall of the meeting place. The millions are beyond the wall. We want to reach the millions. With speaking it is as the one spoke into a telephone that was cut off just outside the wall. We want to connect up with everybody, everywhere.

### REACH THE MILLIONS.

WE WANT to reach the millions. How can we do that?

Only one way—LITERATURE.—

Benson leaflets.

That solves the problem.

We have the leaflets, millions of them, and we can make millions more. The people will read them if they get them. Those leaflets are the kind that people cannot help but read. If you see one,—you read it. You just have to.

### PEOPLE WILL READ.

THE PEOPLE will read them if they get them. And if they read them they are very likely to vote the Socialist ticket.

We have the leaflets. The people will read them, but somebody has got to get them to the people.

Who is going to get them to the people? The members of the Socialist Party and its friends of course.

It is a great opportunity. It is the most telling blow that has ever been aimed at capitalism in the history of this nation.

### TWO THOUSAND AT WORK.

MORE THAN 2000 locals and individuals have joined in this effort and are getting these leaflets and exploding them in the enemy's camp every week.

But there are at least 5000 locals, some of

them the largest and the most important in the country that have not ordered or distributed a single Benson leaflet. Some of these locals are as dead as a door nail so far as this mighty effort is concerned.

They are asleep at the switch in the greatest crisis the party has ever found.

### ONE MORE CHANCE.

HAS your local ordered the Benson leaflets?

Are you and the comrades in your district distributing them?

Or are you one of the dead ones?

If you are not getting the Benson leaflets there is one more chance.

One more precious opportunity.

Go to your branch meeting, get the floor and wake the comrades up, before it is too late.

Make a motion to have your local order a

supply of the Benson leaflets and see that a squad of distributors is organized.

### GET LEAFLET NO. 6.

EVERY local of the Socialist Party in America ought to be in line for this final mighty effort, this last five weeks drive.

If you place your order right away you may be in time to get Benson leaflet No. 6 thus giving you a chance at the last five leaflets.

No. 6 will be printed and shipped out so as to reach the locals for distribution on Oct. 8. But all orders must be in on or before Sept. 27.

Rush in your orders. These leaflets are 50 cents per thousand. Send orders to National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago.

Let us make it five million a week.

### Outlook In Milwaukee

By RALPH KORNGOLD.

"We are going to elect our whole county ticket, send at least 12 Socialists to the state legislature and have a good chance to send two Socialists to congress."

This is the way Oscar Ameringer, county organizer of the Socialist Party of Milwaukee County, summed up the situation in Milwaukee.

Ameringer had just returned from a vacation in northern Wisconsin to take up his work in the local campaign. The Milwaukee Socialists have taken hold of the campaign with characteristic vigor.

A four-page campaign paper, "The Coming Nation", is being sent to 4,000 farmers in the two congressional districts which the Socialists are hotly contesting, and where they expect to be victorious. Meyer London, the Socialist congressman, and a host of other speakers will participate in the campaign. The message of Socialism will be carried into every precinct and preached at every factory gate. The campaign will close with a tremendous rally at which Allan L. Benson, our candidate for president, will be the principal speaker.

"What is the exact situation in Berger's district?" I asked Ameringer.

### Fight Berger's Election.

"The capitalist forces are trying to do everything to defeat Berger," was the reply. "Stafford, the republican, is Berger's principal opponent. The democrats have nominated a 'dummy', who, they know cannot hold the democratic vote, with the evident purpose of swelling Stafford's vote. The fact that Berger, being true to his Socialist principles, has refused to cater to the violent pro-Germans, will no doubt cost him some of the German vote, which does not yet realize that Socialism and nothing else is the issue. But they will find it hard to defeat Berger, nevertheless."

"How about Gaylord?"

"The chances in Gaylord's district are if anything better than in Berger's. While I do not like to act as a prophet, I believe the boys are confident of electing him."

Just Getting Under Way.

The Milwaukee campaign is just getting under way. In a couple of weeks the house-to-house distribution of Socialist leaflets will begin and the noon-day factory meetings and

hall meetings will be in full swing. In the meantime the Socialist daily, "The Milwaukee Leader", is getting ready to unmask its heavy batteries and assail the enemy.

Nowhere in the United States, it appears to me, have the Socialists a better chance of realizing their ambitions, and nowhere are they better equipped for the battle.

You cannot understand capitalism without a study of Socialism.

The Chinese revere the dead. We merely worship dead ideas and dead ways.

There are no great men. Some appear to be great because they are standing on the shoulders of others.

The user of the tool is the loser of wealth so long as the tool belongs to someone else.

Life is a game of leap frog, with the worker bending his back for the capitalist to vault over.

The capitalists have precipitated direct action with the gun and battle ship. The workers should practice it with the ballot.

### Own Your Job

By J. MAHLON BARNES.

The men who own the industries of the nation own the jobs of the nation.

Advertising circulars issued by the Army and Navy Departments tell you what mean, poor, miserable and abused creatures you workers are under capitalism.

To get you to enlist, they offer you \$4 a week and clothes and food and medicine and a doctor. They paint a glowing picture of a near Heaven in their service as compared to an actual Hell in private employment. As to the latter, they make out a clear case.

You see they know and you should know, and then cast your ballot to own your job.

The Capitalists know their easy graft is due to owning your job. That is the reason they so bitterly fight socialism.

Public Health Bulletin No. 76, issued by the United States Treasury Department, March 1916, page 20, says:

"Between 1900 and 1913, the average increase in the retail prices of foods was about 60 per cent. During the same period

wage rates increased less than 30 per cent."

This relates to food only, taking no account of oil, coal and other necessities. Kindly remember these figures were for a period before the world war began. Here arises a much mooted and knotty question.

Meyer London, Socialist Congressman, introduced a bill for "Social Insurance." At a recent committee hearing some very wise and conservative men came to oppose it and seriously contended that increased wages had substantially kept pace with the increased cost of living.

Again from Bulletin No. 76, page 36:—"Unless a family of the average size has an annual income of \$300 (\$15 a week) or more, it cannot maintain a healthful standard. For women wage workers \$8.00 to \$9.00 a week (\$42 a year) has been agreed upon."

Same document, page 35:—"In the principal industries fully one-fourth of the adult male workers, who are heads of families, earned less than \$400.00 a year, one-half earned less than \$600.00 and four fifths earned less than \$800.00. Approximately one-fourth of the women workers 18 years of age and over employed in the principal industries, earned less than

\$200.00 a year and two-thirds earned less than \$400.00."

There you are, men of labor, — government figures say, one out of four of you get less than half a living, one out of two get less than three-fourths of a decent living and four out of five of you are below the life line of a "healthful standard."

And to you, sister worker, they say:—one out of four of you get less than half a living, and two out of three of you are below the life line of a healthful standard."

Such are the sorry facts, and makes for the worker one vital political issue, that is to own his job.

The idlers do not count. The real nation is composed of those who work and yet exist below the life line.

For perpetual peace, for freedom, for unending prosperity, for the lives of the useful people the nation should own the industries and the worker his job.

This can be accomplished in Washington, D. C. by Socialist officials carrying out the will of the working class.

Socialists sometimes lose, but Socialism never loses.

### OPPRESSION AT WORK.

Ever since the beginning of the war The American Socialist has each week received its copy of The Labor Leader, the militant organ of the anti-war Independent Labor Party in Great Britain. This week, however, we have received a letter as follows:

"We desire to inform you that in consequence of communications we have received from the war office, in which they inform us that it is not considered advisable to allow us to send copies of the 'Labor Leader' abroad, we cannot therefore supply you with the paper in accordance with the terms of your subscription, and we write you in order to save any unnecessary correspondence in consequence of your not receiving the paper."

Thus has another crime been committed by the militarists against a free press and free speech.

It is a rip-roaring campaign. And the Benson leaflets are the big feature.

Has your local ordered any of them? Are you distributing them? If not—why not?

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Something different from anything else in Socialist propaganda. Joins the written with the pictured words. Written and pictured so that any man or woman who toils MUST get the Socialist message. Pictures by one of the great Labor Cartoonists of the country and text opposite each picture by Charles W. Ervin.

Built up in such a manner that it compels thought and holds the interest from start to finish. Brief, but not a fact vital to the workers, ignored. The Socialist message HUMANIZED. Shows the workers WHAT they've done. HOW they are done. WHY they are done. HOW they could put a stop to the present robber system. Fourteen pages with fourteen phrased and pictured punches.

Read what some of your comrades say about

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We are hearing many good things about YOU. Here are some of them:

"The booklet YOU strikes me as the cleverest bit of propaganda that has come to my notice for some time. YOU has a story to tell and in plain language, tells it. The illustrations add greatly to its simplicity and logical arrangement, and the cost places it within reach of every worker throughout the land. To the authors I can but say, Well done! Only do not neglect giving us more of a similar kind."

(signed) James H. Maurer.

"I have read YOU and am delighted with it. It is one of the best things in Socialist propaganda pamphlets. Plain in language, direct in appeal, and telling in effect. It is attractive, gotten up, and the marvel to me is how you can manage to sell it at one cent. I sincerely hope that it will circulate by the millions and that you will issue many more of the same kind."

(signed) Morris Hillquit.

"YOU is perhaps the best thing of its kind that has been turned out in this country. I am glad to hear that it is having a big sale—the bigger the better."

(signed) Allan L. Benson.

"YOU is a cracker-jack, and so is the penny propaganda idea."

(signed) Fred D. Warren.

"U" will make Socialists where YOU personally have failed. Let the workers read "U" and they will join with YOU to overthrow capitalism and make a free world.

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## LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

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CHICAGO, ILL.

## Campaign Opens To Keep Meyer London in Congress

The campaign for the re-election of Meyer London as Socialist representative in the United States congress from the Twelfth New York District was opened in earnest with three school hall mass meetings at which the Socialist congressman made a report on his work in congress. Fourteen thousand invitations were sent out by Congressman London for these meetings.

Alone in Congress, London was unable to get the representatives of the capitalist parties to become seriously interested in the Socialist Party program, but he made them sit up and take notice of the great labor movement and he parted from them to meet them again in December with the greatest respect given the Socialist and his ideals.

### Evil of Militarism.

London declares the evil of greatest importance in the last Congress was the adoption of an aggressive naval policy and the increase of the army, and he has warned the Socialists of the nation and other radicals who oppose militarism to begin work at once to educate the voters to the folly of great navies and armies.

"It will require the most intelligent propaganda on the part of those who realize the dangers to check the move for a greater army and navy before it has overwhelmed the entire people and become a permanent policy. The advocates of a greater navy say we should have a navy second in size. The step from the second navy to a first is a short one. When they talk about a second they mean a first."

"Patriotism and the talk of patriotism is the cheapest thing in the world. When Congress opened at least 150 men, most of them Democrats and the rest of them Republicans from agricultural districts, looked on the preparedness campaign as an artificially manufactured hysteria. They probably would have voted against an inordinate increase in the army and navy if the question had come up at the beginning of the session."

### President Intimidated.

"As soon as the press had succeeded in intimidating the President—and I have a poll of the papers last May that shows that only 20 out of 2,000 had the courage to protest against the military policy of the administration at that time the whole opposition collapsed. The President was intimidated. The Democrats in the House, who had been pinning their hope for success on the President, followed suit, with the result that the people now will pay for the army and navy more than for the entire expense for the maintenance of the Federal government."

"To use a military phrase, our business now is to use a flank attack on this movement, because a frontal attack is not possible. The Socialists should undertake an educational campaign that will explain the causes of wars, the growth and decay of nations, the present commercial conflict, the policy of colonial acquisition, the influence of tariff on war and the influence of war on tariffs. Just as Butler's History of Religions developed religious tolerance, so we must create a literature that will bring national tolerance."

### Socialists to Congress.

"The next thing is to send to Congress a Socialist delegation sufficiently large to influence the course of events in the House."

"A consistent campaign of pressure should be undertaken to terminate the war on the basis of gradual disarmament, for no plan without disarmament will ever prevent war. Nations will disagree as men disagree. Two angry men will fight with revolvers if they have revolvers in their hands at the time of the quarrel."

"The 'Communism of Pelf' as President Grover Cleveland called the Republican capitalists and their legislators in Congress, went out when the Democrats came in, says London. In the place of the Plunderbund came representatives of the middle class."

### Democrats Bourgeois Party.

"The Democratic party made an effort to legislate for the middle class," said London. "The warehouse bill, the grain and food bill and the good roads bill were all calculated for middle class interests. There was not so much hostility of Democrats to labor as there was ignorance of labor's progress. They believed the little things they accomplished for labor to be wonderful for the labor movement. They thought that when they declared in the Clayton act that labor is not a commodity they had contributed much toward labor's and the world's progress."

"They don't understand labor and the policy of those in the labor movement who do not believe in Socialism has been characterized by timidity. They try to get favors thru the back door instead of standing with clenched fists and demanding their rights as men."

London said the eight-hour day law passed by Congress to avert the threatened general strike by the transportation brotherhoods "is important historically."

### The Eight-Hour Law.

"It is not an eight-hour law because it does not limit the hours of work to eight," he said. "The men can be worked sixteen hours under this law, as they are today. But this is not entirely the fault of Congress. The demand for it came from the brotherhoods, did not involve a prohibition on more than eight hours. It involved a change in the basis of pay which the leaders hope may bring about an eight-hour day. When the leaders yielded the punitive time and a half wage for overtime they yielded the greater part of the eight-hour demand."

"The passage of the bill is a great thing for the labor movement for two reasons. First, it taught Congress a lesson that there is a labor movement which it does not understand. It created a new and big issue with which only Socialists can deal—the issue of government ownership of railroads and compulsory arbitration."

"I demand a showdown before election whether or not the Democrats are for or against compulsory arbitration."

## Every Socialist Woman A Campaigner

Women! Are you willing to speak each week thru the Benson leaflets, to ten or twenty-five persons in your neighborhood? If so, advise Bertha Hale Brown, care of the Socialist Party, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, how many leaflets you will place carefully each week and these leaflets will be sent you free of charge. The Socialist Party National Executive Committee has appropriated out of the Woman's fund, \$250 to pay for literature for the use of women who will do the work of distribution. Let your orders come. Already two

millions of the Benson leaflets are going weekly into the hands of American readers.

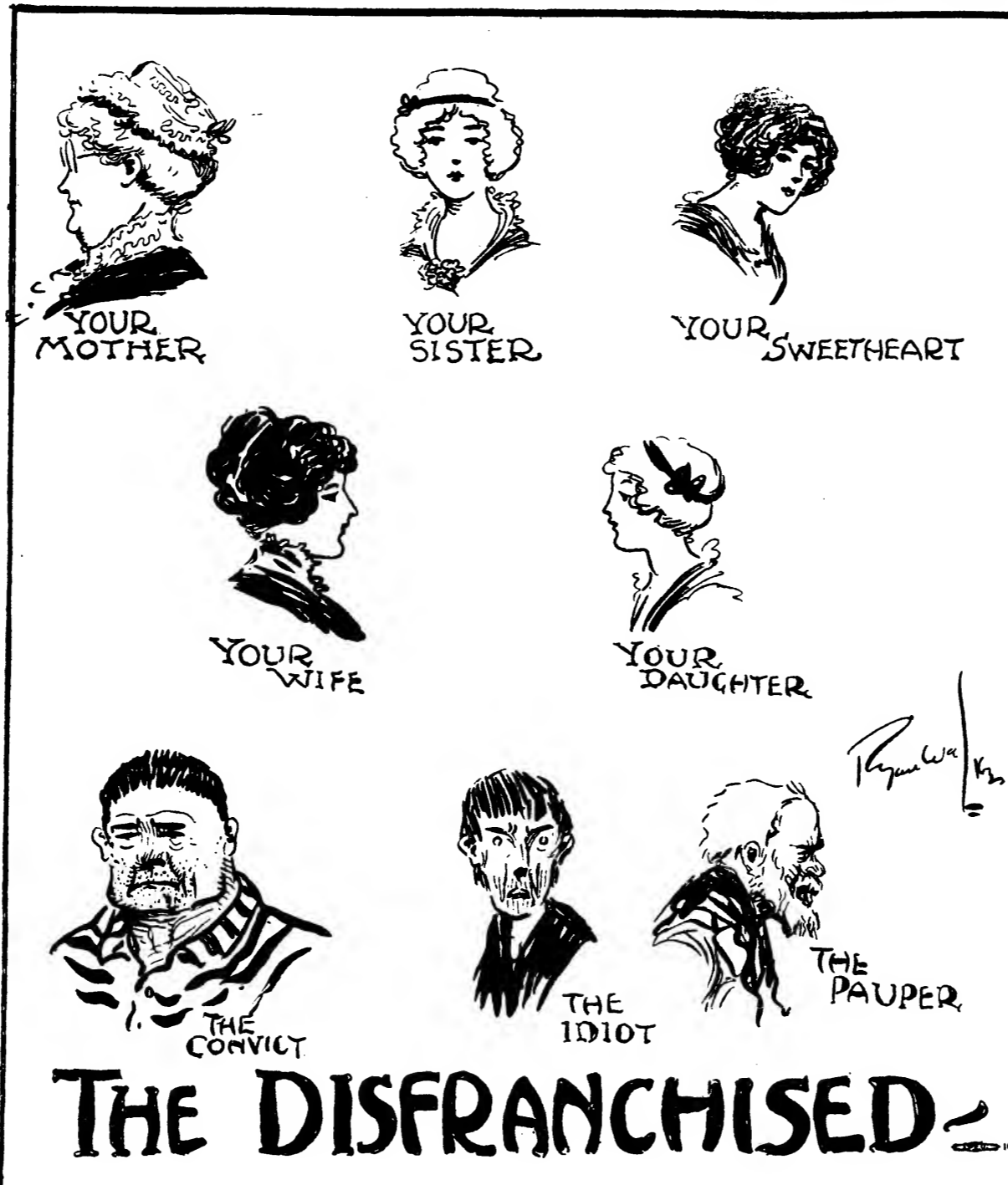
Women, come forward. Make October the banner leaflet month in the history of the American Socialist Party. The big work of Socialist education never has been done and never can be done by speakers. The distributors are the true campaigners. Get into line!

Theresa Malkiel,

Anna A. Maley,

Bertha Hale Brown,

Socialist Suffrage National Campaign Committee.



THE SOCIALIST Party stands for the universal ballot. In its struggle to secure the suffrage for women it does not lose sight of the fact that millions of men are now disfranchised; that all the powers of the plutocracy are directed toward robbing the worker of his right to vote. This is done in many and devious ways. One of most hard fought battles ever waged in this nation was the recent struggle in Oklahoma against the democratic disfranchising schemes to rob thousands of the right to vote. As a direct result of the efforts put forth by the Socialists this plot was exposed and defeated. In its platform this year the Socialist Party, under the heading "Political Demands," declares for the following:

Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.

The immediate adoption of the so-called "Susan B. Anthony Amendment" to the constitution of the United States, granting the suffrage to women on equal terms with men.

The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia with representation in Congress and a democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.

The Socialist Party is the only party waging an unceasing and consistent campaign for the rights of "The Disfranchised".

## Women, a World to Win!

Active campaigns for woman suffrage are being waged by the Socialist Party in South Dakota and West Virginia, the two states where the question goes to a referendum this fall. Several women speakers have been sent into both of these states and are now carrying on an active campaign. Six leaflets, with a total circulation of one million, have been published by the national organization for distribution. These are "Votes for Women," by Mary Beard and Florence Kelley; "Motherhood and Suffrage," by Eugene V. Debs; "Women and War," by Meta Stern Lilienthal; "A Working Woman to Working Men," "You Women Who Vote" and "Women a World to Win!", all three by Anna Agnes Maley. The last of these is republished here as follows:

By ANNA AGNES MALEY.

IN THE summer of 1913, the ice workers in Cincinnati went on strike. For many days the city was without ice. The people suffered. The death rate mounted. At last the mayor ordered the board of health to seize and operate the ice plants. He assured the timid board that if necessary, every policeman in the city would be sent to enforce the order. Until the strike was settled, the city of Cincinnati was in the ice business. It proved that it could do the work efficiently. A private company had endangered the health of the city. Is there any good reason why Cincinnati should not have served notice on the company that thereafter the city would handle its own ice—any good reason why every city, every state, every nation should not engage in all lines of business that affect the common life?

The Socialist Party urges all working men and women to go first into the business of politics—to gain political power and to use that power to put themselves into the business of producing their own food, clothing and shelter. It urges all women to win the ballot that they may for their own protection go into politics in good earnest.

VOTERS make up political parties. Political parties elect governments. Governments make laws. Laws control life, and life for most of the people is labor. Today's law permits one man to own a shoe factory which is operated by hundreds of workers, just as the law of fifty years ago permitted him to own an awl and a needle which were used by himself. Now the man who owns a shoe factory owns all of the shoes made by his workers. He pays the workers, in the form of wages, a very small part of the value of the shoes they produce. The bulk of the product goes to him because he owns the factory. Of course, the workers could not wear more shoes than they do, but their wages will not buy them. Armies and navies must be supported to conquer and hold foreign markets, in

which are sold a part of the goods that our home workers are too poor to buy.

European governments, obedient to greedy capitalists who want wider markets, have put most of the strong men of Europe into the business of killing. They have seized factories and railroads and whatever else is necessary to the business of killing.

Governments controlled by the common people who want fuller life, could put all able men and women into the business of producing the things that are necessary to abundant life for all. They could seize factories and railroads and whatever else might be necessary to the business of living.

WE MAY learn something of what is possible by examining a bakery which was run upon a co-operative plan in Vienna before this wretched war began. The building, which was owned by the workers in the clean and wholesome. There were bathrooms, laundries and reading rooms for the use of the workers. Only the most improved machinery was in use there. After all necessary expenses had been paid, the profits were divided among the workers. There was no idle power who collected from the workers most of the product of their toil. The workers were themselves the owners. They paid men for doing things—not for owning things. In such an enterprise each worker may be paid according to services rendered. Where there is no idler to clobber up most of the product, there is a comfortable living for all the useful workers.

Do not forget the schools were once run for profits and only by private owners. Now the public is in the business of educating the young. You complain that your child cannot go to school—that he must go to the factory. That is not because we have public schools—it is because we have not public factories. Your poverty is due, not to the fact that there is some measure of socialism in the school and the post-office but to the fact that there is no socialism in the mill and the factory. The school door stands open to receive your boy. The hand of want pushes him into the factory.

PAY NO heed to those who claim that socialism would permit you to own nothing. The socialist program demands that each for himself shall have opportunity to own a home, clothing, food and all that is necessary for his personal happiness. It demands that the people together shall own mills, mines and factories—the sources of food, clothing and shelter. It has been well said—"Socialism holds that all should own going property—not that some should own all property."

The world for the people—this is the goal of socialism. The ballot is the weapon with which we must win that goal. Fight for the ballot. You have a world to gain.

hoods made a sacrifice when they accepted the law for settlement." London said that, while he was dissatisfied with the child labor law, it showed that Congress can act when it wants to.

"The child labor law leaves out of consideration children employed in agriculture, and also fails to protect more than 60 per cent of the children employed now. The majority of States in which child labor is prevalent fail to maintain vital statistics, which opens the gateway for evasions of the law."

## Campaign Crackles

By CRACKY.

THE SOCIALIST Punch Cards seem to have had the punch. Punch cards, looking like a meal ticket whose owner has been broke for a month, are still coming in from all over the country.

Comrade Helen Keller can neither see, hear nor speak, they say. However, she can see the need for campaign funds, hear the call for financial assistance, and her money speaks loudly her enthusiasm for the cause. Her contribution of \$100 for the campaign fund was received at the National Office last week.

Not to be outdone, Comrade Morris Hillquit sent in his check for the same amount. Whether that amount represents his daily wage, or not, we cannot say, but Comrade Rufus Weeks gave \$50 to the "one day wage fund."

Judging from the "one day wage fund" contribution, some comrades work for 25 cents a day. If they do, their contribution means more than a day's wage from a \$5 a day man, so we appreciate it just as much.

The "one day wage fund" idea is a popular one. Instead of giving the usual bazaar, a Chicago Catholic Church is levying on each member, a compulsory assessment of one day's wage. Must be the workers were not liberal enough purchasers of raffle tickets and dance numbers under the old scheme of extortion.

A Comrade from Columbus University writes:—"I have never voted, except for a socialist, because I never voted at all until I saw the big issue in politics. I could get up no enthusiasm as to whether to vote for Tweedledum or Tweedledee." His enthusiasm to break the heads of both Tweedledum and Tweedledee is evidenced by a generous contribution. That is the secret of socialist success—socialists are enthusiastic about socialism. Otherwise they are not socialists. What is the measure of your enthusiasm?

South Slavic Socialist Organization No. 30, Brosey Hill (Mulberry), Kans., sends in seven contributions averaging \$3.43 a piece, a total of \$25, all returned on two punch cards.

The young folks help, too. The Syracuse, N. Y., Y. P. S. L., turned in a bunch of 25 and 50 cent gifts. Not large gifts, but they count up when everybody pays.

Every concession has a come-back. Congress passed the 8-hour law for railroad employees. Now the roads demand a rate increase so they can make the workers "pay the cashier." It was over this—and always will be until the people control congress the year around instead of for a little while before election.

"I'll not vote for any bill with a pistol at my head," bawled a congressman when the 8-hour law was being debated. What a government! Some day congress will legislate for the people without the necessity of "pointing a pistol at their heads." Socialists know what they are voting for. Most of their opponents do not. There is a lot of encouragement in that.

Mr. Wage Worker, are you \$410 richer than you were two years ago? And is your family, if you have a wife and three children, \$2,050 better off than in 1914? No? Then there must be something wrong, for the national wealth, we are told in Democratic campaign advertisements, has increased \$410 million in the short space of two years. Yes, something is wrong! Just another proof that our recent prosperity is top-heavy. If every voter did something with his head besides taking it to the barber's every so often, the Democrats would get about one per cent of the votes in November—the votes of the capitalists whom they let gob onto the \$410 per capita wealth increase. One guess as to who would get the rest of the votes.

Orders for Benson leaflets No. 1 and No. 2 cannot be supplied. Get your order in at once or you will miss more than the first two.

Omaha Local sends in its campaign contribution of \$25 in a lump. As an evidence of sacrifice, note this from an Aberdeen, Wash., comrade's letter:—"I sent \$1 about a month ago (to the Debs fund), also \$1 to the Olinger fund at Everett, Wash., and \$2.25 to the Ferguson fund of this, the Third District of Washington, and now I am repeating the operation after being out and earning."

Another worker asks the National Office for some "literature that shows up the capitalist system from a biblical standpoint." He wants to send it to some "half baked preachers that cannot see the truth." We suggest that he give the preachers the New Testament and tell them to read it, instead of reading out of it what they have been told is in it.

### TWO MILLION!—LET'S MAKE IT FIVE MILLION!

Two million (2,000,000) Benson leaflets are ordered of No. five for distribution on Oct. 1. That is big—but we want to see it bigger. We want to make it five million a week. Will you help? Will you get your local to do its part? Get your order in for the last five leaflets.

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### "ANTI'S" FRIGHTENED.

Theresa Malkiel waged such a vigorous campaign for woman suffrage in West Virginia recently, especially at Huntington, that several business men and other anti-suffragists got together and issued a call for the organization of the "antis" with the purpose of defeating the proposed woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution.

These exploiters of womanhood piously declare that granting women the vote "Would be a menace to our institutions and the Christian civilization of the country."

The appeal issued declares: "Let us get together and awaken the people to the urgent importance of arresting the further progress of this insidious movement."

Of course this has resulted in creating more interest than ever in the cause of woman suffrage. State Secretary Edwin Firth, of West Virginia, reports that Comrade Malkiel is addressing record gatherings. Comrades Florence Wattles and Anna Agnes Maley will also be sent into the state soon.

### BRAIN FOOD

By MAX SHEROVER.

People are fooled whenever they are ruled.

He who controls the press also controls the people.

Wall Street says: Let us direct the thoughts of the masses and they will willingly be our slaves.

When the slave begins to do his own thinking he ceases to be a slave.

All the world needs to be free is to stop and think. All it needs to make it think is to cease to believe. All it needs to cease to believe is to begin to think.

The ability to reason is man's highest attribute. To refuse to reason is man's greatest weakness.

Show me the leader a man follows and I will tell you what he is.

He who thinks not and thinks not that he thinks not is hopeless because he feels no one not even himself.

He who thinks that he thinks and thinks not that he thinks not is worse than hopeless because he feels himself.

He who thinks that he thinks and KNOWS that he thinks is a wise man indeed.

If leaders are bad their followers are worse.

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**By CARL D. THOMPSON**

## Where is the Issue?

THIS COMPARISON APPEARS IN THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN HANDBOOK.

The fact of the matter is that the unionists of Terre Haute love and trust Debs just as everybody else in his home town does, and he holds no office in the city government. As a democrat or republican in national affairs, every union man down deep in his heart would like to see Debs go to Congress. So when the "Terre Haute Union" gives two pages of its Labor Day edition to the old warrior means that "Debs came back," and he has come back to stay first in the hearts and minds of his townsmen.

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"The largest political rally ever held in this city" is the way reports characterize the Benson meeting at Williamsport, Pa. Even the press admitted there was a large and enthusiastic audience of both party members and others interested in political matters. A hundred of Benson's books were snapped up in a hurry and campaign contributions and orders for campaign leaflets are proof of the impression Comrade Benson made at Williamsport.

and Socialists are being made night and day. Literature is being scattered and broadcast and has been for months and the result is apparent on every hand. It is the consensus of opinion that a Socialist mayor will be elected this fall and possibly two communists in the city while the county vote will more than double. The plutocrats are using every artifice, subterfuge, lie and vilification that they can think of but the race goes mercifully and the loyal band of comrades are sounding the alarm and nailing the malicious propaganda of the old parties to the cross of ridiculous absurdities. Watch this section. It will show up well with any other section of the country."

BRITISH railway workers demand an additional \$2.50 increase in wages to meet the high cost of living and because the government has not held down the prices of the necessities of life, there is some strike talk.

are glad to note that even in Pittsburgh the question of what constitutes a just division of the proceeds of labor has finally been opened. Pittsburgh capitalism has usually considered that a closed question. Soon Pittsburgh will learn that the proceeds of labor should not be divided up; that all the products of the working class should be kept by the working class. Then the greater share of the products of labor will not be taken by the parasite owning class. Then Pittsburgh will cease producing its Harry Thaws, and it will possess a virile, intelligent, charity-less working class.

Benson leaflet No. five has just gone to press. National Secretary Germer says, "That is the best one of all".

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